Joseph Severn

Rome May 2nd 1821

My dear Brown

I have great pleasure in saying for this Gentleman - Mr Williams Davis for his kind services to our poor Keats and myself. - When we came here strangers to them - he gave us all the attention I am capable of - and that of the most valuable kind - You will remember my mention of a Gentleman who sought all over Rome for an Inn for us when it was told me we could be got - It was this Gentleman who procured me - and who rendered me many other like services on the like dreadfull occasions - I had no other soul to help me ——————

Except Dr Clark and my self - he saw more of Keats than any one - he will inform you of many points - as yet - too dreadfull for me to write - I am still confidently unnerved at how - I look upon poor Keats's death - it sits like a horrible dream upon me

Upon which I find this Gentleman to possess extraordinary skill as a Sculptor — his works in Ivory are some the most beautiful things of the kind I ever saw —

I know this and yet more of the other — and wish to receive him a kind reception from you — and that you will advise him in every way in your power to him

Yours very truly
Joseph Severn

Be so kind as introduce him to Mr Hunt and also to Mr Taylor. —
and Haslam

This grave
contains the mortal remains of
John Keats
a young English Poet
who died at Rome Feb 20. 1820 aged 23 years
this short life
was so imbittered by disappointment & sickness
that he desired these words to mark his grave
"Here lies one whose name was writ in water"
Time
having reversed this sentence
his friends & admirers
now inscribe his name
in Marble
1829